

Dear Santa,

Here are some things on my Christmas wishlist for my classroom. (Are these on your classroom wishlist? If you have another item to add, please let me know. You might see it in a future Friday Five.)

1. Livescribe Pen: Livescribe offers two versions of their pen. The Pulse and the Echo both allow you to record and playback what is written. The most obvious uses include recording lectures and notes to use for make up work for students who are absent,. Tests can also be recorded to meet the needs of students with a read aloud accommodation in an IEP. Some other uses I found include having students record their center work and use for recording sustained reading time. I also found information about a teacher who used the pen for formative assessment. Students worked math problems recording each step as they worked. The teacher could listen to the steps the student took to answer the problem. They could then offer corrective measures where needed. Read this article to find more information about classroom uses of the livescribe pen.

<http://www.edlivescribe.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/Educational-Uses-for-Livescribe-Smartpens-v4.pdf>

2. A Big Wish: The Epson Brightlink Interactive projector is an interactive whiteboard without the whiteboard. In the past, you needed a projector and an interactive whiteboard to create an interactive learning environment. Now, make almost any wall interactive with the BrightLink 450Wi. This high-performance projector + pen combination integrates

interactive functionality in one machine without the constraints or expense of an interactive whiteboard. With ultra-short throw distance, extraordinary size flexibility, and fully-loaded projector technologies, BrightLink redefines a true all-in-one solution able to engage your learning community.

3. Wii: Can you think of any educational uses for the Wii. I'm especially interested in see the Udraw in action. It could be used in a similar way as a slate with a whiteboard. You can Grader could be fun. Cooking Mama encourages reading and following directions.

4. Just for Fun: The iPom speaker system looks fun. The speakers are flowers and it plays music from a usb memory stick or an SD card. It's also portable. This could be such a fun listening center for those who cannot use h for whole class listening.



5. And Finally, New Web 2.0 tools. Here is an Advent Calendar that reveals a new web 2.0 tool of each day from December 1- December 25. Have fun exploring and I hope you discover something useful and new. <http://www.wix.com/ktenkely/advent>

Have a great weekend!!!